

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Previously Presented) A non-asbestos friction material comprising:
 - a fibrous reinforcement;
 - a friction modifier;
 - a binder; and

a soluble amorphous substance mixed as friction material components, wherein the soluble amorphous substance is a composition composed of SiO₂ as a principal component, 18 to 40 wt% of at least one of CaO and MgO, less than 10 wt% of at least one of Al₂O₃ and ZrO₂, and less than 2 wt% of at least one of Na₂O, K₂O, FeO, Fe₂O₃, and wherein the soluble amorphous substance is formed of fibers having an average fiber diameter in a range of from 2 µm to 9 µm and an average fiber length in a range of from 100 µm to 1,500 µm.
2. (Original) The non-asbestos friction material according to Claim 1, wherein the soluble amorphous substance is mixed in a range of from 1 wt% to 30 wt% of a total of said friction material.
3. (Cancelled)
4. (Cancelled)
5. (Cancelled)
6. (Previously Presented) A non-asbestos friction material comprising:
 - a fibrous reinforcement;

a friction modifier;
a binder; and
a soluble amorphous substance mixed as friction material components, wherein the soluble amorphous substance is a composition composed of SiO₂ as a principal component, 18 to 40 wt% of at least one of CaO and MgO, less than 10 wt% of at least one of Al₂O₃ and ZrO₂, and less than 2 wt% of at least one of Na₂O, K₂O, FeO, Fe₂O₃, and wherein the soluble amorphous substance is formed of grains having an average grain size in a range of from 2 µm to 100 µm.

7. (Previously Presented) The non-asbestos friction material according to Claim 6, wherein the soluble amorphous substance is mixed in a range of from 1 wt% to 30 wt% of a total of said friction material.